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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement supplements the Information Disclosure Statements filed on February 4, 2004 and March 28, 2005 in the above-identified application. Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is disclosed to aid the Examiner in his or her examination of the application. The inclusion of information in this Disclosure Statement and as set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449 is not necessarily a concession that such information is prior art to the present invention or that such information is in an art area analogous to the present invention. Copies of the publications listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449 are submitted herewith, along with English language translations (where available).

Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

Each item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

This publication was cited in an Office Action, dated September 29, 2006, in corresponding Chinese Application No. 200410003731.8 (copy enclosed, along with English translation). It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial the Form PTO-1449 and return a copy of same upon consideration of this publication.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the Chinese Office Action in the corresponding foreign application, no fee or certification is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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